

### **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a self-locking end cap for closing an open end of a fiber tube. The self-locking end cap according to the invention includes a bottom wall, an integral tubular side wall that extends upwardly from the bottom wall to a top edge, and a plurality of barbs that project radially away from the tubular side wall. The top edge and the plurality of barbs are arranged to frictionally engage an inner surface of the fiber tube when the self-locking end cap is pressed into the open end of the fiber tube. The invention also provides a method of forming a container and a container formed according to the invention.